

# IN THE PRESENCE



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# **BENEDICTION** **OR** **DEVOTIONS**

**IN HONOUR OF THE MOST HOLY  
SACRAMENT**

O SAVING Victim, opening wide  
The gate of heaven to man below,  
Our foes press hard on every side,  
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend  
For evermore, blest One in Three,  
O grant us life that shall not end  
In our true native land with thee. Amen.

*Here may follow a Litany or other devotion.*

THEREFORE we, before him bending,  
This great Sacrament revere;  
Types and shadows have their ending,  
For the newer rite is here;  
Faith, our outward sense befriending,  
Makes the inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing  
To the Father and the Son,  
Honour, might and praise addressing  
While eternal ages run;  
Ever too his love confessing  
Who, from both, with both is one. Amen.

℣. Thou gavest them Bread from heaven. (Alleluia.)  
℟. Containing in itself all sweetness. (Alleluia.)

Let us pray.

O GOD, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption: Who livest and reignest world without end. ℟. Amen.

*The DIVINE PRAISES are commonly said, each clause being repeated after the priest.*

*Antiphon.* Let us adore for ever the most holy Sacrament.

*Psalm 117*

O PRAISE the Lord, all ye heathen: praise him, all ye nations.

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

Glory be. As it was.

*Antiphon.* Let us adore for ever the most holy Sacrament.

LITANY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF  
JESUS

Kyrie, eleison.

Christe, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

Jesu, hear us.

*Jesu, graciously hear us.*

O God the Father, of heaven, *have mercy upon us.*  
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
O God the Holy Ghost,  
Holy Trinity, one God,  
Jesu, Son of the living God,  
Jesu, splendour of the Father,  
Jesu, brightness of the everlasting light,  
Jesu, king of glory,  
Jesu, sun of righteousness,  
Jesu, Child of the Virgin Mary,  
Jesu most lovable,  
Jesu most wonderful,  
Jesu, mighty God,  
Jesu, father of the world to come,  
Jesu, angel of great counsel,  
Jesu most powerful,  
Jesu most patient,  
Jesu most obedient,  
Jesu, meek and lowly of heart,  
Jesu, lover of chastity,  
Jesu, who lovest us,  
Jesu, God of peace,  
Jesu, author of life,  
Jesu, pattern of virtues,  
Jesu, zealous lover of souls,  
Jesu, our God,  
Jesu, our refuge,  
Jesu, father of the poor,  
Jesu, treasure of the faithful,  
Jesu, good Shepherd,  
Jesu, true light,  
Jesu, eternal wisdom,

Jesu, infinite goodness,  
Jesu, our way and our life,  
Jesu, joy of Angels,  
Jesu, king of Patriarchs,  
Jesu, master of Apostles,  
Jesu, teacher of Evangelists,  
Jesu, strength of Martyrs,  
Jesu, light of Confessors,  
Jesu, purity of Virgins,  
Jesu, crown of all Saints,  
Be thou merciful, *spare us, Jesu.*  
Be thou merciful, *graciously hear us, Jesu.*  
From all evil, *Jesu, deliver us.*  
From all sin,  
From thy wrath,  
From the snares of the devil,  
From the spirit of uncleanness,  
From everlasting death,  
From the neglect of thine inspirations,  
Through the mystery of thy holy Incarnation,  
Through thy nativity,  
Through thine infancy,  
Through thy most divine life,  
Through thy labours,  
Through thine agony and passion,  
Through thy Cross and dereliction,  
Through thy weariness,  
Through thy death and burial,  
Through thy resurrection,  
Through thine ascension,  
Through thine institution of the most holy Eucharist,  
Through thy joys,  
Through thy glory,

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Jesu.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Jesu.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy upon us, O Jesu.*

Jesu, hear us.

*Jesu, graciously hear us.*

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesu Christ, who hast said: Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: we beseech thee, that unto us who ask thou wouldest give such a measure of thy divine love, that in every thought and word and deed we may show forth our love for thee, and offer thee unceasing praise.

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern them whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love: keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name: Who livest and reignest, world without end. *R. Amen.*

## LITANY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Kyrie, eleison.

Christe, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

O Christ, hear us.

*O Christ, graciously hear us.*

O God the Father, of heaven, *have mercy upon us.*  
 O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
 O God the Holy Ghost,  
 Holy Trinity, one God,  
 Heart of Jesus, the Son of the eternal Father,  
 Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Ghost in the  
     Virgin Mother's womb,  
 Heart of Jesus, united in substance with the Word of  
     God,  
 Heart of Jesus, of an infinite majesty,  
 Heart of Jesus, holy temple of God,  
 Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the most High,  
 Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven,  
 Heart of Jesus, glowing furnace of charity,  
 Heart of Jesus, treasury of righteousness and love,  
 Heart of Jesus, full of love and goodness,  
 Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues,  
 Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise,  
 Heart of Jesus, king and centre of all hearts,  
 Heart of Jesus, wherein are all the treasures of  
     wisdom and knowledge,  
 Heart of Jesus, wherein dwelleth all the fulness of the  
     Godhead,  
 Heart of Jesus, in which the Father is well pleased,  
 Heart of Jesus, of whose fulness we have all received,  
 Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills,  
 Heart of Jesus, long-suffering and of great mercy,  
 Heart of Jesus, bountiful to all that call upon thee,  
 Heart of Jesus, fount of life and holiness,  
 Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our sins,  
 Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed with reproaches,  
 Heart of Jesus, bruised for our iniquities,  
 Heart of Jesus, made obedient even unto death,

Heart of Jesus, pierced by the spear,  
Heart of Jesus, fountain of all consolation,  
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection,  
Heart of Jesus, our peace and atonement,  
Heart of Jesus, victim of our sins,  
Heart of Jesus, salvation of them that put their trust  
in thee,  
Heart of Jesus, hope of them that die in thee,  
Heart of Jesus, delight of all the Saints,  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the  
world, *spare us, O Lord.*  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the  
world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the  
world, *have mercy upon us.*

℣. Jesu, meek and lowly of Heart.

℟. Make our hearts like unto thy Heart.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, look upon the  
Heart of thy well-beloved Son, and upon the offering  
of praise and atonement that he maketh unto thee in  
the name of sinners; and forasmuch as we implore  
thy loving-kindness do thou mercifully grant us  
pardon in the name of the same thy Son Jesus Christ:  
Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of  
the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. ℟.  
Amen.



## LITANY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Kyrie, eleison.

Christe, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

O Christ, hear us.

*O Christ, graciously hear us.*

O God, the Father, of heaven, *have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

O God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Bread of Angels,

Bread meet to be our food,

Bread most fair, and kingly feast,

Living bread that camest down from heaven.

Bread to strengthen man's heart.

Corn of God's chosen people,

Wine that bringest forth virgin-souls,

Hidden Manna,

Spiritual refreshment,

Purest feast,

Our Food and our Guest,

Remedy to preserve us from death,

Memorial of God's marvellous acts,

Wondrous among all miracles,

Victim most holy,

Cup of blessing,

Offering most pure,

Sacrifice that abidest,

Sweetest banquet,

Mystery of faith,

Bond of charity,

Refreshment of holy souls,

Last food of those that die in the Lord,

Pledge of glory yet to be,  
Sacrament of mercy,  
Sacrament that givest life,  
Sacrament meet to be revered,  
Sacrament most holy,  
Hidden God,  
Word made flesh,  
Be thou merciful, *spare us, O Lord.*  
Be thou merciful, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*  
From the unworthy receiving of thy Body and Blood,  
*deliver us, O Lord.*  
From the lust of the flesh,  
From the lust of the eyes,  
From the pride of life,  
From all sin,  
By the desire with which thou didst desire to eat this  
Passover with thy disciples,  
By the deep humility whereby thou didst wash thy  
disciples' feet,  
By the burning love with which thou didst institute  
this divine Sacrament,  
By thy precious Blood, which thou didst shed upon  
the Cross for us,  
By the holy oblation of thy self upon the altar which  
thou hast left unto us,  
We sinners, *beseech thee to hear us.*  
That it may please thee to increase and preserve in us  
faith and reverence concerning this wonderful  
Sacrament, *we beseech thee to hear us.*  
That it may please thee to stir up in us a burning  
desire of receiving this heavenly Bread,  
That it may please thee to dispose us to worthy and  
frequent use of the most holy Eucharist,

That it may please thee to impart unto us the precious fruits of this life-giving Sacrament,

That it may please thee to move us to visit and adore the most holy Sacrament,

That it may please thee to strengthen and fortify us in the hour of death with this heavenly Viaticum,

Son of God,

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy upon us.*

℣. O Christ, hear us.

℟. O Christ, graciously hear us.

Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

Our Father *silently until:*

℣. And lead us not into temptation.

℟. But deliver us from evil.

℣. Thou gavest them Bread from heaven.

℟. Containing in itself all sweetness.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood; that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption: Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. ℟. Amen.

## LITANY OF THE INCARNATION

Kyrie, eleison.

Christe, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

Jesu, hear us.

*Jesu, graciously hear us.*

O God the Father of heaven, *have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

O God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Word of God, by whom the heavens were made,

Word of God, brightness of the everlasting light,

Word of God, unspotted mirror of his power,

Word of God, image of his goodness,

Word of God, enduring for ever in heaven,

Word of God, true from everlasting,

Word of God, who camest forth to give light and  
understanding to the simple,

Word of God Almighty, who while all things were  
in quiet silence didst leap down from heaven out  
of thy royal throne,

Word of God, made flesh,

Word of God, who didst dwell among us,

Jesus, whose name is called Emmanuel,

Jesus, Wonderful Counsellor,

Jesus, mighty God,

Jesus, everlasting father,

Jesus, prince of peace,

Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary,

Jesus, born in the city of David,

Jesus, for whom no room was found in the inn,

Jesus, at whose birth the heavenly host rejoiced,

Jesus, to whose cradle shepherds came to adore,

Jesus, in whose honour wise men brought gifts,  
Jesus, revealed unto Simeon as the Lord's Christ,  
Jesus, the light to lighten the Gentiles,  
Jesus, the glory of thy people Israel,  
Jesus, full of wisdom and the grace of God,  
By the preparation of mankind by thy holy Father,  
By the expectation of the prophets,  
By the hope for the consolation of Israel,  
By the message to thy Virgin Mother of the Angel  
Gabriel,  
By thy holy Nativity and Infancy,  
By thy most divine boyhood,  
By thine obedience to thy parents.  
By thy presence among the doctors in the Temple,  
By thy growth into manhood in favour with God and  
man,  
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*have mercy upon us.*

Spare us, Jesu.

Hear us, Jesu.

Have mercy upon us, Jesu.

℣. Unto us a Child is born.

℟. Unto us a Son is given.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesu Christ, who for us men and for our salvation camest down from heaven; mercifully grant that we, being converted and become like little children after thine example, may at the last be found worthy to reign with thee in the kingdom of heaven: who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

## LITANY OF THE HOLY GHOST

Kyrie, eleison.

Christe, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

O Christ, hear us.

*O Christ, graciously hear us.*

O God the Father, of heaven, *have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

O God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Ghost, who proceedest from and art co-equal  
with the Father and the Son,

Promise of the Father, and gift of the most High,

Consuming fire,

Spiritual unction,

Spirit of wisdom and understanding,

Spirit of counsel and strength,

Spirit of knowledge and godliness,

Spirit of the fear of the Lord,

Spirit of love, joy and peace,

Spirit of long-suffering, gentleness and goodness,

Spirit of truth, meekness and patience,

Spirit of modesty, temperance and chastity,

Spirit of compunction and penance,

Spirit of grace and of supplications,

Spirit of discipline and self-denial,

Spirit of adoption of the sons of God,

Holy Ghost, the Comforter,

Holy Ghost, the Sanctifier,

Be thou merciful, *spare us, O Holy Ghost.*

Be thou merciful, *graciously hear us, O Holy Ghost.*

From all sin and all evil, *Holy Ghost, deliver us.*

From the crafts and assaults of the devil,

From impurity of mind or body,  
From every evil spirit,  
By thine eternal procession from the Father and the  
Son,  
By thy working at the creation,  
By thine inspiration of the Prophets,  
By thy descent upon the Mother of God at the Lord's  
Incarnation,  
By thy descent upon the Lord at his Baptism,  
By thy descent upon the blessed Virgin and the  
Apostles at Pentecost,  
By thy continual abiding with the Church,  
By thy grace and pity,  
In the day of judgment,  
We sinners, *beseech thee to hear us.*  
That it may please thee to shed abroad thy light and  
love in our hearts, *we beseech thee to hear us.*  
That it may please thee to open upon us the treasures  
of thy grace,  
That it may please thee to teach us to ask for them  
according to thy will,  
That it may please thee to teach us to pray, and  
thyself to pray within us.  
That we may not grieve thee nor do thee despite,  
That remembering our bodies are thy temples we  
may take heed not to defile them,  
That it may please thee to lead us into all truth,  
That it may please thee to pour thy peace upon thy  
whole Church,  
Holy Ghost,  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the  
world, *pour out upon us the Holy Ghost.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *send forth upon us the promised Spirit of the Father.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *grant us the Spirit of peace.*

Y. Send forth thy Spirit, O Lord, and they shall be made.

R. And thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

GRANT, O merciful Father, that thy divine Spirit may enlighten, inflame and cleanse our hearts, that he may shed upon us his heavenly dew, and make us fruitful in good works.

KINDLE, O Lord, our hearts and minds with the fire of thy Holy Spirit; that we may serve thee in chastity of body, and please thee in purity of soul.

O LORD, we beseech thee, may the power of the Holy Ghost be with us, and most mercifully cleanse and purge our hearts, and defend us from all adversities. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.



# LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Kyrie, eleison.

Christe, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

O Christ, hear us.

*O Christ, graciously hear us.*

O God the Father, of heaven, *have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

O God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary, *pray for us.*

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

Mother of Christ,

Mother of divine grace,

Mother most pure,

Mother most chaste,

Mother inviolate,

Mother undefiled,

Mother most lovable,

Mother most wonderful,

Mother of good counsel,

Mother of the Creator,

Mother of the Saviour,

Virgin most prudent,

Virgin most venerable,

Virgin most renowned,

Virgin most mighty,

Virgin most merciful,

Virgin most faithful,

Mirror of righteousness,

Seat of wisdom,

Cause of our joy,

Spiritual vessel,  
Vessel of honour,  
Wondrous vessel of devotion,  
Mystical rose,  
Tower of David,  
Tower of ivory,  
House of gold,  
Ark of the covenant,  
Gate of heaven,  
Star of the morning,  
Health of the sick,  
Refuge of sinners,  
Consoler of the afflicted,  
Help of Christians,  
Queen of Angels,  
Queen of Patriarchs,  
Queen of Prophets,  
Queen of Apostles,  
Queen of Martyrs,  
Queen of Confessors,  
Queen of Virgins,  
Queen of all Saints,  
Queen conceived without original sin,  
Queen taken up into heaven,  
Queen of the most holy Rosary,  
Queen of peace,

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy upon us.*

℣. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech thee, O Lord God, that we thy servants may ever enjoy health of mind and of body: and at the glorious intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin, may be delivered from the sorrows of this present world, and rejoice in everlasting happiness in the world to come. Through Christ our Lord.  
℟. Amen.

### LITANY OF ST JOSEPH

Kyrie, eleison.

Christe, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

O Christ, hear us.

*O Christ, graciously hear us.*

O God the Father, of heaven, *have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

O God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary, *pray for us.*

Holy Joseph,

Wondrous offspring of David,

Light of Patriarchs,

Spouse of the Mother of God,

Chaste Guardian of the Virgin,

Foster-father of the Son of God,

Watchful defender of Christ,

Head of the holy Family,

Joseph most righteous,

Joseph most chaste,

Joseph most prudent,  
Joseph most mighty,  
Joseph most obedient,  
Joseph most faithful,  
Mirror of patience,  
Lover of poverty,  
Example of workmen,  
Glory of home life,  
Guardian of virgins,  
Defence of families,  
Solace of the unhappy,  
Hope of the sick,  
Patron of the dying,  
Terror of demons,  
Protector of the holy Church,  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the  
world, *spare us, O Lord.*  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the  
world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the  
world, *have mercy upon us.*

Y. He made him lord of all his house.

R. And ruler of all his substance.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by thy unspeakable providence didst  
choose thy blessed Saint Joseph to be the Spouse of  
thy most holy Mother: grant, we pray thee, that we  
may so venerate him as our protector on earth, that  
we may be worthy to have him for our advocate in  
heaven: Who livest and reignest, world without end.

R. Amen.